The selection of halt stations is under process and will be finalised shortly.

Procurement of Bogie Container Wagons

3552. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether procurement of 600 bogie container flat wagons by M/s. Container Corporation of India has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether order has been placed on Burn Standard Company, A CPSU, which had quoted the lowest offer; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a Public Sector Unit under the Ministry of Railways, had recommended the award of the contract of favour of M/s. Burn Standard Compnay Limited (BSCL) a public sector company. However, the World Bank, who have financed the project, did not favour awarding the contract to the compnay on the ground that BSCL's financial position was not wound and it had a poor track record in making deliveries in time. in furtherance of the Govt. Policy to support Public Sector Units, Ministry of Railways requested the World Bank to reconsider its decision. However, the World Bank did not agree to this suggestion. The tender was thus cancelled.

Expansion of Narkhed-Amravati Rail Line

†3553. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expension work of Narkhed-Amravati rail line including the year-wise amount spent thereon;

(b) whether Government have formulated any time bound programme for completion of the work of this rail line;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

(a) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Land acquisition is in progress and work is being done on the basis of advance possession. Earthwork and bridge work are in progress in 18 sections out of 27. Amravati Station Builing is nearing completion.

The year-wise expenditure is as under :—

Year	Rs. in crores
1993-94	Nil
1994-95	0.5271
1995-96	5.1984
1996-97	4.7377
1997-98	5.8745
1998-99	10.3549
1999-2000	6.2622

(b) to (d) Target date has not yet been fixed. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.

Rail under-bridge in Bhopal

†3554. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the representation received by the Railways for construction of rail under-bridges in Bhopal city;

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when the sanctioned under-bridges are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Proposals have been received from State Govt. / Local Authority for construction of the four Road Under Bridges on "Deposit Terms; at Chola Road near level crossing No. 252/A, Rachana Nagar at Kms. 832/15-17, Subhash Nagar near level crossing No. 249 at Km. 833/22-24 and at Aishbag near stadium between Bridge No. 834/1 & level crossing No. 250/C.

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